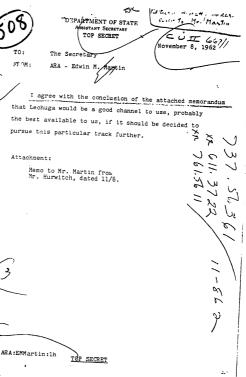
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SUBJECT Approach through Carlos Lechuga

Lechuga has been with Castro from the beginning. He falls in the mationalist, rather than communist or pro-Seviet category. He is a pollable molitor became and a capable diplomat—all-around calline to Caroli Inchasustegui, for example, period calline to the caroline control of the caroline control of the caroline caroline control of many or interest and colleagues to see him, as a person, depart. In discretand that this wife is anti-communist and it is possible that indications that Lechuga might defect originate with her.

I think we could be ressonably certain that Lechuga would listen carefully and transmit accurately and discreetly to his principal. I doubt that he would risk making recommendations.

An alternative might be the Canadians. The Secretary hinted broadly in that direction recently to the Canadian Ambassador here.

I am inclined to feel that there may be merit in our going through a Cuban rather than confrontation with Castro through a third party (1) we could be certain that our pitch had accurately been given to at least one Cuban; (2) Castro sight be less likely to react instinctive; (1.e., against the proposition); and, (3) it castro should reject the proposition, at least one Cuban, other channels are constanted in the future, be able to make use of his knowledge

Recognizing that the chances of success are very probably against me, in any event, I believe we have relatively little to lose in an attempt through lechuga and perhaps something to gain even if Castro rejects the proposal.

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